

**CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY
COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM**

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Title of project: Amortization Ordinance or Consolidation LCP Amendment
Project location: Santa Barbara County's South Coast Region
Total cost: \$390,000
Funding request: \$90,000

MISSION

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Project Summary:

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The County amended its Local Coastal Program in 1987 to consolidate onshore processing of offshore oil and gas production to two sites. Consolidation mitigates many impacts to local communities due to offshore oil and gas development. Among other things, it minimizes industrialization of the County's south coast, which is predominately rural and offers pristine coastal views when not interrupted by large processing facilities. Consolidation also minimizes impacts to public safety and many coastal resources.

This consolidation amendment applied to all offshore oil and gas processed on the County's south coast, but recognized the vested rights of companies that operated other existing processing facilities in this region to continue their operations within the parameters of current permits.

The County further amended its Local Coastal Program in 1991 to rezone seven non-consolidated processing sites to non-industrial uses, thereby converting the existing facilities to legal non-conforming uses. Such action is a common tool for discouraging long-term continuance of certain land uses.

Since then, all but one of the seven non-consolidated processing facilities have ceased operations and either have undergone or are currently undergoing abandonment. The sole remaining active, non-consolidated and non-conforming processing facility is situated in Ellwood, along with a marine terminal that also operates as a legal non-conforming use. This processing facility is also situated in an urbanizing area and, due to the hazardous materials inherent to such processing operations, conflicts with surrounding land uses, including a nearby resort hotel and golf course.

The County Board of Supervisors recently authorized an economic study into amortizing this facility. Essentially, the process of amortization in land-use law determines at what point the permittee has received a fair return on its investment into a legal non-conforming land use, after which the local land-use authority can terminate the use.

Since these LCP amendments took effect, demand for onshore processing capacity by offshore producers has been much lower than anticipated. One of the two consolidated processing facilities, Gaviota, has been idled since 1998 with no plans to reactivate it. Accordingly, the Planning Commission took action in 2000 to initiate the removal of the consolidated processing status for that facility.

Given this background, the County seeks \$90,000 in Coastal Impact Assistance to undertake one of two optional projects:

- (1) Draft an Amortization Ordinance, including environmental review; or
- (2) Amend the LCP consolidation policies to require that all new or expanded production processed in the South Coast region occurs at one consolidated site.

We have provided two alternative projects at this time because the Ellwood processing facility is located in an area subject to a pending city-hood proposal. The County would no longer have land-use authority over the Ellwood facility, should the voters of this area approve the proposed city-hood in this November's election. In this case, the Board of Supervisors may elect to pursue option 2.

Both options described under this project qualify as authorized uses pursuant to section (e)(6) of H.R. 5548, which states: "mitigating impacts of Outer Continental Shelf activities through funding of ... (B) other public service needs intended to mitigate the environmental effects of Outer Continental Shelf activities." Both amortization of an aging processing facility located in an urbanizing area and updating the County's consolidation policies to reflect current demand for processing capacity avoid and mitigate impacts of offshore oil and gas production.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

This project meets Goal No. 2, Economic Sustainability, by reducing the coastal lands devoted to major industrial processing facilities while still meeting the needs for onshore processing capacity to handle foreseeable offshore production.

Estimated Project Budget for Option 1 – Amortization Ordinance:

Line Item	Estimated Expense
Staff salaries (wages + fringe benefits)	\$ 35,700
Contractor (economic study)	165,000
Contractor (environmental impact report)	160,000
Noticing/Publications	1,300
Reproduction	1,000
Workshops and Hearings	5,000
County Counsel	20,000
Travel (Coastal Commission certification hearing)	2,000
TOTAL	\$390,000

The County has secured \$300,000 from its General Fund. The economic study will be completed soon. The requested CIAP funding augments the drafting, environmental review, and hearing of the ordinance.

Estimated Project Budget for Option 2 – LCP Consolidation Amendment:

Line Item	Estimated Expense
Staff salaries (wages + fringe benefits)	\$64,400
Reproduction	1,000
Noticing/Publications	2,600
Workshops and Hearings	5,000
County Counsel	15,000
Travel (Coastal Commission certification hearing)	2,000
TOTAL	\$90,000

Anticipated Project Schedule:

We anticipate this project to last no more than 2 years upon receipt of CIAP funds.

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Title of project: Carpinteria Valley Greenhouse Program
Project location: Carpinteria Valley
Total cost: \$25,000
Funding request: \$20,000

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Project Summary:

Carpinteria Valley is a unique rural agricultural valley along the southeast coast of Santa Barbara County. The greenhouse industry in the Carpinteria Valley has expanded significantly over the last decade, increasing nearly 22% since 1985 to approximately 15.5 million square feet. New “clusters” of greenhouses have been approved in areas of this coastal valley historically used for open field agriculture and orchards. Greenhouse development now occupies approximately 22% of the valley’s 3,400 acres of flat agricultural land.

The continued health and reasonable expansion of the greenhouse industry is a major economic asset to the Carpinteria Valley and the County. However, with the growth of the greenhouse industry, increased impacts on coastal resources have resulted. Unlike open field or orchard operations, greenhouse agriculture requires the construction of permanent structures and a substantial amount of paving and accessory structures. As the greenhouse industry has expanded, this development has resulted in a significant visual change in the rural coastal character of the valley and has raised issues related to increased traffic, flooding potential and impacts to the Carpinteria Salt Marsh. To address these concerns, the Planning and Development Department began the Carpinteria Valley Greenhouse Program in 1998 with funding through a Coastal Resources Grant.

The project is located entirely within the coastal zone and involves completing the final phase of the Carpinteria Valley Greenhouse Program. The Program will provide regulatory methods to minimize impacts to coastal resources through creation of two new agricultural zone districts and new development standards. Once complete, the Program will help to establish a reasonable balance between future greenhouse expansion, preservation of large blocks of contiguous open field agriculture, and the protection of other valuable coastal resources, including the water quality of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, coastal streams, the ocean and local beaches, and aesthetics.

The Comprehensive Planning Division is seeking \$20,000 in CIAP funding to complete staff processing of the Carpinteria Valley Greenhouse Program through the Coastal Commission adoption hearings and completion of the program, thus satisfying an implementation measure (Policy 8-5) of the county’s certified Local Coastal Program. These funds will also be used to implement the Program, by working cooperatively with the community to initiate:

- funding mechanisms for a watershed management plan that will ensure improvement in surface water quality and provide for the long-term protection of the ecological functions of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh and its coastal stream tributaries; and
- a monitoring program to ensure long-term coastal resource protection; and
- review of mechanisms to preserve open field coastal agricultural lands in the Carpinteria Valley.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

The project is consistent with the stated mission by creating specific zone districts and development standards that address the impacts created by additional greenhouse development in the Carpinteria Valley. Limiting the location of future greenhouse development

to specific areas and developing a long-term management plan and monitoring program will allow for the coordinated management, conservation and enhancement of this coastal valley's unique coastal resources. The Program is consistent with CIAP Goals 1 (Stewardship) and 2 (Economic Sustainability).

Goal 1: The Program will facilitate the County's ability to act as steward for the significant coastal resources of the Carpinteria Valley (Carpinteria Salt Marsh, coastal streams, prime agricultural lands, coastal water quality).

Goal 2: The Program will continue to allow existing and new greenhouse development in the Valley while preserving the large tracts of agricultural land necessary for economically viable open field agricultural production.

Estimated Project Budget:

Requested CIAP Funds – Labor

1. Coastal Commission Adoption Hearings and final program publication	\$15,000
2. Implementation Program	\$ 5,000
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Total Requested Funds	\$20,000

Planning and Development Contribution

Administration	\$5,000
Total Budget	\$25,000

Anticipated Project Schedule:

Commencing as soon as possible:

Staff processing through Board of Supervisor and Coastal Commission
adoption hearings - 7 months

Implementation Program - 6 months

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Title of project: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and
Thresholds Update
Project location: Countywide Coastal Zone
Total cost: \$20,000
Funding request: \$20,000

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Santa Barbara County's Development Review Divisions (North and South) are the two primary permitting divisions within Santa Barbara County Department of Planning and Development. As such, these divisions are charged with reviewing all discretionary projects against the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County's general plan, local ordinances, and state law. In order to assist in the review of these projects, particularly against the requirements of CEQA, the County has established thresholds for many of the resources found in the County. Native Grasslands are discussed in the Biological Resources guidelines section of The County's Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual. These biological resource guidelines have not been updated since 1994.

Native Grasslands occur throughout Santa Barbara County, and are becoming increasingly rare in coastal areas of the south coast. They are typically dominated by stands of purple needlegrass, but other series have been described and are documented on the south coast. They include creeping ryegrass, foothill needlegrass, nodding needlegrass, purple needlegrass, and saltgrass series. All of these native grasses occur on the coastal areas of the County and some are often found in conjunction with wetlands and vernal pools, habitats that are considered environmentally sensitive habitats in the coastal plan.

The County's current threshold defines native grassland as "an area where native grassland species comprise 10 percent or more of the total relative cover." However, native grasslands that are dominated by perennial bunch grasses tend to be patchy, (i.e., the individual plants and groups of plants tend to be distributed in patches) and mapping of grasslands has proved difficult based on the existing guidelines. The County's consulting biologists have used a variety of means to estimate cover, to measure cover, and to map native grasslands. In addition, the County's significance threshold indicates that removal or severe disturbance to an isolated patch or patches of native grasses that are less than one-quarter acre in size and not part of a larger ecosystem would be considered insignificant.

There is a growing need to establish a more consistent guideline for assessing native grasslands so that conservation and protection of these areas in the coastal zone can be more effective. The County proposes to use CIAP funds to review measures that are being used by other local agencies, consult with biologists regarding appropriate mapping techniques, and revise outdated impact assessment guidelines. The desired outcome would be a better-coordinated planning process that preserves rare coastal resources.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

This project meets Goal No. 1, Stewardship, by better defining how the County will identify and preserve the native grasslands ecosystem that is critical to the long term health of the ocean and coastal resources. In addition, these tasks meet at least four authorized uses of CIAP funds: b) conservation of habitats; e) assessment, research, mapping and monitoring of coastal habitats; i) assistance with assessing the impacts of growth and development on coastal habitats; and, indirectly, k) conservation of wetlands.

Estimated Project Budget:

Line Item	Estimated Expense
Staff salaries (wages + fringe benefits)	\$11,000
Contractor (Specific botanical expertise)	4,500
Reproduction/Communications	1,000
Workshops and Hearings	3,500
TOTAL	\$20,000

In addition to CIAP funding, the County will provide in-kind staffing and seek funding from other grants that support native grassland retention such as the Coastal Resources Grant Program administered by the California Resources Agency.

Anticipated Project Schedule:

The County estimates that this project will last approximately fifteen months including the public hearing process, beginning in the spring of 2002.

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Project location: South Coast Region of Santa Barbara County
Total cost: \$30,000
Funding request: \$30,000

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Project Summary:

Among other things, Santa Barbara County's Building and Safety Division has responsibility to enforce compliance with provisions Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 35, Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II) throughout the county's south coast. The Article II Zoning Ordinance is part of the California Coastal Management Plan and serves as the local regulatory vehicle to implement the requirements of the California Coastal Act.

The Building and Safety Division seeks \$30,000 from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program to augment efforts in responding to reported instances of non-compliance with requirements of the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II) and Coastal Development Permits with a particular emphasis on threats to water quality. Past examples of such non-compliance include unpermitted grading and/or vegetation removal within or in close proximity to riparian corridors, watercourses or wetlands, unapproved drainage systems, improper drainage termination, etc. The Division typically deals with 10 to 12 such cases annually.

The Division also plans to use this \$30,000 for responding to reported instances of unpermitted construction with a particular emphasis on illegal seawalls and revetments. The Division typically deals with 2 to 3 such cases annually. The additional revenue will facilitate more timely responses to correct such unpermitted construction that adversely impacts natural coastal resources and habitats and promotes undesirable erosion.

Lastly, the Division plans to use this \$30,000 to augment efforts for enforcing requirements for public access to the coast. The Division encounters an average of 2 to 3 cases each year that fall into this category.

This project qualifies under the section (e)(1) of the legislatively authorized uses of H.R. 5548, which includes activities that support the CZMA, protect coastal water quality, protect coastal habitats, monitors coastal resources, and protects/restores natural coastline protective features, including control of coastline erosion. It also assists the County with managing impacts of growth and development on coastal habitats and natural resources since such development invariably results in violations to protective regulations and permits designed to mitigate such impacts.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

Responding in a timely manner to unpermitted construction of seawalls and revetments, and to non-compliance with the Coastal Zoning Ordinance and coastal development permits with a focus on coastal erosion, coastal water quality, and coastal access helps to ensure the mission of managing coastal resources for their intrinsic value and for the benefit of current and future generations. This project meets Goal No. 1: Stewardship.

Estimated Project Budget:

Line Item	Estimated Expense
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Salaries	\$22,500
Motor Pool	3,000
County Counsel	4,500
Total	\$30,000

Anticipated Project Schedule:

We anticipate this project will take three years to complete, commencing as soon as we can begin incurring CIAP expenses.

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Title of project: Comprehensive Update to the Open Space and Conservation Element
of the Mendocino County General Plan
Project location: Mendocino County
Total cost: \$28,984
Funding request: \$28,984

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Project Summary:

The project is to prepare a comprehensive update to the Open Space and Conservation Element of the Mendocino County General Plan. The current Element was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors in 1974 with minor revisions in 1981 to achieve consistency with the other elements (i.e., Land Use, Housing, Circulation, Safety, etc.) of the County General Plan. Changes over the past two to three decades in our society and the environment dictate that the County update its Open Space and Conservation Element.

The Open Space and Conservation Element provides policy direction regarding the preservation, conservation, development and utilization of natural resources and open space. The comprehensive update will address:

- Preservation of natural resources including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Areas required for the preservation of plant and animal life including habitat for fish and wildlife; and
 - (b) Areas required for ecological and other scientific study such as rivers, streams, estuaries and watersheds.
- Managed production of resources including but not limited to:
 - (a) Forest lands, range lands and agricultural lands;
 - (b) Areas required for recharge of ground water basins;
 - (c) Estuaries, marshes, rivers and streams which are important for the management of commercial fisheries; and
 - (d) Areas containing major mineral deposits, including those in short supply.
- Outdoor recreation including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Areas of outstanding scenic, historic and cultural value;
 - (b) Areas particularly suited for park and recreation purposes, including access to lake shores, beaches, and rivers and streams; and
 - (c) Areas which serve as links between major recreation and open space reservations, including utility easements, banks of rivers and streams, trails and scenic highway corridors.
- Public health and safety including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Areas that require special management or regulation because of hazardous or special conditions such as earthquake fault zones, unstable soil areas, floodplains, watersheds, areas presenting high fire risks, areas required for the protection of water quality and water reservoirs and areas required for the protection and enhancement of air quality;
 - (b) Open space areas designed for fuel break and fuel reduction zones, helispots, and fire access; and

- (c) Location of historic natural hazards boundaries such as, inundation areas, landslide paths, debris flows, past wildfires, and earthquake faults.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

The proposed project will be a multi-year update that will be coordinated with and integrated into the County's comprehensive effort to update the General Plan. The issues to be addressed in the Open Space and Conservation Element update will include the preservation, conservation and utilization of the County's natural resources thereby conserving and enhancing California's ocean and coastal resources in a comprehensive fashion.

Goal Number 1: Upon adoption by the County Board of Supervisors, the comprehensive update will provide policy direction in conserving and managing our natural resources for the next 20+ years.

Goal Number 2: The Open Space and Conservation Element will include goals, policies and implementation measures that address environmentally sound, sustainable and economically beneficial ocean and coastal resource development activities.

Goal Number 3: The Update is anticipated to include an assessment of the current state of the natural/coastal resources in the County as well as public workshops and educational forums. The goals, policies and implementation measures to be included in the Update will provide the policy direction for future research, educational programs and technology developments.

In closing, funding under the CIAP will, with County funds, provide for the update of the Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan thereby establishing a long range, community-based and comprehensive program for the management, conservation and enhancement of our coastal resources.

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Title of project: Ellwood Beach – Santa Barbara Shores Specific Plan Amendments
Project location: Goleta Valley Coastline
Total cost: \$408,500
Funding request: \$200,000

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The 255-acre Ellwood Beach-Santa Barbara Shores Specific Plan area is located on Ellwood Mesa, one of only two remaining undeveloped coastal terraces within the unincorporated community of Goleta, California. This coastal bluff comprises a major portion of the Devereux Creek watershed approximately ½ mile upstream of Devereux Slough, and supports a diverse ecosystem of vernal pools, freshwater wetlands and riparian habitat, native grasslands, and one of the three largest Monarch butterfly over-wintering sites west of the Rockies. The area includes three properties: the Santa Barbara Shores County Park (119 acres), the privately owned Monarch Point (135 acres), and the one acre Doty property. Under the current 1995 Specific Plan, the proposed single family residential development on the Monarch Point property has the potential to alter and fragment this important coastal ecosystem.

Santa Barbara County Planning and Development is seeking \$200,000 in CIAP funds to assist in the planning for and management of potential development impacts on the unique coastal resources on the Ellwood Mesa (see Attachment 1). The overall goal of the project is the conservation, preservation and restoration of significant natural resources on the Devereux Creek watershed, which is a part of the larger Devereux Slough Ecological System. The amendments include designing the park master plan on the County property, assessing the feasibility of transferring proposed development from the private Monarch Point property to the least sensitive portion of the County property, conducting environmental review, and processing of the amendments through public hearings of the County Board of Supervisors and certification by the California Coastal Commission. The Specific Plan Amendments also include a restoration planning and implementation program to identify and remove invasive non-native plant species from the vernal pool complex and riparian habitats.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

The Study is consistent with the CIAP Mission and Goals. Specifically, the Study is consistent with Goal 1, Stewardship. The Specific Plan Amendments will facilitate the County's ability to plan for the conservation and management of the Ellwood Mesa coastal resources within the coastal watershed of Devereux Slough.

Estimated Project Budget and Anticipated Project Schedule:

Project Tasks	Schedule	County General Fund	CREF Grant	LCP Grant	Coastal Resources Grant	Goleta Valley Land Trust Grant	CIAP REQUESTED FUNDS	Total
		(all committed)						
Phase 1: Resource Studies	Sp/Sum. 2000							
Consultant Report Costs		4,200	12,300		25,000			41,500
County Staff Review/Process Costs		20,000	2,600	3,000	1,400			27,000

Administrative Costs		300	50					350
<i>Sub Total</i>		24,500	14,950	3,000	26,400			68,850
Phase 2: Master Park Plan	Win./Sp. 2001							
Consultant Costs			30,000	10,000	35,000			75,000
County Staff Review/Process Costs		14,500		5,000	8,000			27,500
Administrative Costs		1,000	2,000					3,000
<i>Sub Total</i>		15,500	32,000	15,000	43,000			105,500
Phase 3: Environmental Review	Sum./Winter 2001							
Consultant Cost			3,050		5,600	25,000	45,000	75,600
Consultant T.D.R. Alternative Cost*				4,000			10,000	14,000
Alternative Housing Scenarios							25,000	25,000
County Staff Review & process costs				2,000			31,500	33,500
County Administration Costs							5,000	5,000
<i>Sub Total</i>			3,050	6,000	5,600		116,500	153,100
Phase 4: Permit Process	Win. '01 to Fall '02							
Co. Staff reports, wkshops/hearings Cost							21,000	
Consultant Costs							2,000	
County Administrative Costs							5,000	
<i>Sub Total</i>							28,000	28,000
Phase 5: Restoration Program								
County Restoration Plan Cost	Fall 2001						12,000	
County Staff Permit Process	Win. '01 to Sp. '02						8,000	
Habitat Restoration Implementation Cost	Sp. '02 & Sp.'03						30,000	
<i>Sub Total</i>							50,000	50,000
TOTAL:		40,000	50,000	24,000	75,000	25,000	194,500	408,500

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The County requests \$106,000 to enhance analysis, policy-making, flow of information, and public outreach on the nature and role of coastal energy resources offshore Santa Barbara County, relative to California's utility problems. In doing so, the Energy Division will serve as a public information clearinghouse and coordinator on co-generation, fossil-fuel alternatives, conservation measures, and renewable energy sources. The Energy Division will also serve a coordinating, public-outreach role regarding residential and light commercial energy conservation, distributed electrical generation, transmission, and market issues.

This project qualifies as an authorized use of H.R. 5548; specifically uses prescribed in (e)(5), which includes assistance to local communities to assess, plan for and manage the impacts of growth and development on coastal or marine habitats and natural resources. The project addresses the supply-demand balance for electricity through distributed generation such as co-generation and photo-voltaic generation, and means of curbing future demand through more efficient use of energy.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

This project satisfies the stated mission of the State of California by identifying and promoting alternative sources of energy that do not adversely effect the intrinsic value of coastal resources. In particular, this project helps to lead the way to greater economic sustainability (Goal No. 2) by encouraging environmentally sound, sustainable, and economically beneficial sources of energy that do not adversely effect oceanic and coastal resources. Without such efforts, these coastal and oceanic resources will face a growing amount of impacts if future demand for electricity will only be solved by conventional practices, including more and more offshore oil and gas development and coastal power plants.

Estimated Project Budget:

Line Item	Estimated Expense
Staff salaries (wages + fringe benefits)	\$19,000
Contractor on Payroll	79,417
Travel	5,000
Office Expense	2,583
TOTAL	\$106,000

Anticipated Project Schedule:

We anticipate this project to last 1.5 years, commencing upon receipt of Coastal Impacts Assistance funds or authorization to commence the project, whichever occurs sooner.

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COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM**

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Title of project: Gaviota Coast Resources Study
Project location: Gaviota Coast
Total cost: \$50,000
Funding request: \$50,000

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Project Summary:

The Gaviota Coast, a 35-mile stretch of coastline in Santa Barbara County, includes only 15% of the total Southern California coast, but about 50% of the area's remaining rural coastline. Santa Barbara County, charged with managing and permitting certain uses along the coastline, has recently initiated the Gaviota Coast Resource Study. The Study will serve as a planning tool for the public, decision-makers, and County staff as they face difficult development decisions for this unique coastal area.

The 120,000-acre Project Area stretches from Point Conception to the west to the Urban Boundary Line near Goleta on the east. While the region is largely open-space, 78% of the Project Area is in private ownership and subject to intense development pressure.

The Study assesses inventories and maps the many resources and habitats located on the Gaviota Coast to assist in both the long-term planning effort for the area and decisions on pending developments. The Study describes important resources found on the Gaviota Coast, existing land use regulations, plans and policies applicable to the area. The Study also outlines existing and potential land preservation and planning tools and reviews their potential effectiveness. An initial Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Gaviota Coast has been created to graphically depict the resource information and identify areas of high resource sensitivity.

The results of the Study will assist local citizens and the County, State and Federal Governments to plan for and manage the impacts of growth and development on coastal habitats and natural resources along the Gaviota Coast. The Comprehensive Planning Division is seeking \$50,000 in CIAP funding to complete the Study and implement resource protection measures on the Gaviota Coast. The project will be completed in two phases.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

The Study is consistent with the CIAP Mission and Goals. Specifically, the Study is consistent with Goal 1, Stewardship, and Goal 3, Research, Education and Technology.

Goal 1: The Study will facilitate the County's ability to function as a steward for the Gaviota Coast. The Study will assess and aid conservation and management of the region's coastal resources and ecosystems.

Goal 3: The Study will advance the County's research efforts by assessing and inventorying the coastal resources present on the Gaviota Coast through the development of a comprehensive GIS.

Estimated Project Budget:

Phase 1 Staff to complete the final draft of the Study and conduct community workshops.	
Line Item	Estimated Expense
<i>Labor</i> Project Administration/staff final production	\$ 5,000
<i>Services and Supplies</i> Printing & document production	\$ 5,000
Phase 2 Staff to study and implement resource protection measures that may include a range of policy and ordinance amendments; public/private partnerships for resource acquisition; conservation tools; public outreach and education	
<u>Labor</u> Project Administration and analysis	\$ 40,000
Total	\$ 50,000

Anticipated Project Schedule:

Commencing upon availability of CIAP funding:

Phase 1 6 months

Public Document Release
Resource Study Public Workshop(s)

Phase 2 12 months

Conservation Options - Work program development
Public Outreach
Conservation Models for Public/Private Partnerships
Policy and Ordinance (LCP) Amendments

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Project location: Humboldt County Coastal Zone
Total cost: \$151,157
Funding request: \$151,157

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Project Summary:

The Humboldt Coastal Management Project is proposed to consist of 5 elements to conserve, restore, and protect Humboldt coastal resources:

1. Beach Management Element: \$50,000

The beach and dune areas of Humboldt County contain numerous sensitive resource areas and species, including 3 State and federally listed species (Western snowy plover, beach layia, and Humboldt (menzies) wallflower). This element would assist in managing public use to ensure conservation and protection of sensitive coastal resources by the following means:

- management and maintenance of coastal parks and accessways, including: repair and maintenance of fencing, signing, and accessways; park management personnel and sheriff beach patrol; and, trash receptacles and removal.
 - 3) educational signing and printed materials to promote conservation of coastal resources.
 - 2) coordination of volunteer coastal stewardship programs.

2. Coastal Planning Element: \$40,000

This element would provide funding for:

- for review and update of the County's Local Coastal Program (or, matching funding if available through Coastal Commission LCP grant program).
 - 4) participation in Humboldt Bay Interagency management planning groups.
 - 5) coastal permitting assistance for resource management projects including wetland restoration projects, weed and vegetation management, and accessway improvements.

3. Coastal Monitoring & Mapping Element: \$26,157

This element would be coordinated with local, state, and federal agencies to:

- 5) conduct aerial photo survey and coastal land use and habitat mapping.
- 6) participate in coordinated snowy plover monitoring program lead by US FWS.
- 7) Humboldt Bay and tributary water quality monitoring.

4. Humboldt Bay Harbor Facilities Feasibility Study: \$25,000

The Humboldt Bay harbor has recently been deepened and the Harbor District has requested County participation in a study to assess the most appropriate harbor facility improvements.

5. Watershed Management and Restoration Matching Funding: \$10,000

Several watershed and restoration programs require matching funds. This element would provide the required local match.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

Each of the proposed project elements is consistent with the State of California's established mission and one or more of the established goals. In addition, project activities will be carried out in compliance with the Coastal Impact Assistance Program Administration and Plan Development Guidance document and the authorized uses of the legislation.

- 1) Beach Management Element is consistent with Goal 1 Stewardship by implementing programs that conserve and manage California's ocean and coastal resources and the ecosystem that supports those resources and Goal 3 Research, Education, and Technology by carrying out education program activities on the uses of coastal and ocean resources.
- 2) Coastal Planning Element is consistent with Goal 1 Stewardship and Goal 2 Economic Sustainability by developing a local coastal program which is consistent with the State certified coastal zone management program which conserves and manages California's coastal resources and encourages environmentally sound, sustainable, and economically beneficial coastal resource development activities.
- 3) Coastal Monitoring & Mapping Element is consistent with Goals 1 & 3 by assessing and managing sensitive habitats through aerial and field surveys and monitoring.
- 4) Humboldt Bay Harbor Facilities Feasibility Study is consistent with Goal 2 by conducting a study that encourages environmentally sound, sustainable, and economically beneficial coastal resource development activities.
- 5) Watershed Management and Restoration Matching Funding is consistent which Goals 1 & 4 by supporting programs that promote watershed management and restoration such as Fish & Game SB 271 and Federal Clean Water Nonpoint Source Programs.

Timeline:

All projects will be completed within 18 months of project start.

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PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM**

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Project location: San Luis Obispo County Coastal Communities
Total cost: \$154,510
Funding request: \$154,510

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Project Summary:

The County of San Luis Obispo - Department of Planning and Building is proposing several projects that will implement the Local Coastal Program:

- 1. LCP Periodic Review Tasks: Development and adoption of new policies and standards.** \$47,000 to prepare a comprehensive series of Local Coastal Plan amendments and environmental studies. The California Coastal Commission is currently conducting a periodic review of the county's Local Coastal Program. The amendments may include improvements in development review procedures and adoption of additional standards for the protection of coastal resources. Topics will include public access, recreation, avoidance of coastal hazards, protection of environmentally sensitive habitats, water quality, and visual and scenic protection.
- 2. Update of the 4 Coastal Area Plans of the Local Coastal Program.** \$47,000 to help fund the effort to periodically update coastal area plans. The current LCP was adopted in 1988 and is in need of update. The focus will be on preparation of planning and environmental documents leading to public review and adoption. The county is in the process of updating the North Coast and Estero Area Plans, and developing community plans for Avila Beach and Oceano.
- 3. LCP Implementation Projects.** The following are representative examples of specific additional projects from the existing and draft Local Coastal Program elements:

A. Cambria Open Space District feasibility. \$15,000 to help explore the public acceptance and financing options of formation of a special district in the community of Cambria. The purpose of the district would be to acquire many of the substandard parcels for open areas, drainage ways, public access, habitat preservation, and pocket parks. A key component will be an opinion survey conducted by a professional consultant that will evaluate public acceptance of such an idea prior to scheduling the matter for a vote of the community. The effort also would help save the Monterey Pine Forest from being displaced by development, while reducing the potential service demands for scarce resources like domestic water.

B. The Coastal Trail. \$15,510 to assess the feasibility of a Coastal Trail stretching the entire length of the county coastline. The county will work with agencies and property owners to conduct an initial feasibility study.

The purpose of the Coastal Trail is to eventually provide one continuous trail along the entire coast of the State of California. The segment in San Luis Obispo County could provide a spectacular recreational opportunity not currently available. The goal is to integrate the trail with existing trails, bikeways, parks, and potential support facilities. The trail would primarily serve hikers, bikers, and equestrians.

The Coastal Trail will require considerable cooperation and commitment from a variety of stakeholders. With general support and potential funding for the concept, a solid feasibility study and more precise plans will be necessary.

C. County Coastal Access Implementation Plan. \$15,000 for the county to prepare Phase II of the Coastal Access Implementation Plan. To date, the County Department of General Services has 134 lateral accessways, and approximately 30 vertical accessways. Of the County's 30 vertical accessway, roughly 25 of these are developed for public use.

The county is currently preparing Phase I of the Coastal Access Master Plan. This plan will: (a) map existing vertical and lateral accessways owned by the County, the State, and other public agencies, (b) identify street ends that may provide coastal access, (c) review existing accessway development by site, (d) address accessways that should be maintained for habitat protection, (e) determine community/tourist needs, (f) review options for new accessways based on need, and (g) provide accessway development standards.

Phase II will develop a list of prioritized purchase and construction projects. The project would augment the Phase I Access Plan by preparing more specific studies and plans for the proposed accessways. Phase II will provide site prioritization, cost estimates, environmental studies, time lines for purchase and construction, and include seeking more funding sources. The goal is to develop these new or improved accessways on a priority basis as funding is secured. The communities affected are San Simeon, Cambria, Cayucos, Los Osos, Avila Beach, and Oceano.

D. Oceano Park Needs Assessment. \$15,000 for the County Parks to develop a park and recreation needs assessment within the community of Oceano. This plan would: (a) map existing park and open space lands as well as public and quasi-public lands within the community, (b) assess community park needs (neighborhood, community, and regional) based on countywide standards, (c) review and map vacant parcels within the community for potential park/recreation sites, (d) work with other public and quasi-public land owners to determine potential public recreation/park opportunities, (e) conduct public workshops, and (f) prepare maps and final recommendations for park and recreation sites within the community of Oceano.

Consistency with Mission:

Comprehensive and Coordinated Management. San Luis Obispo County has actively pursued updating the various elements of the Certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). In addition, the California Coastal Commission recently initiated a Periodic Review of the county's LCP. Both tasks are on-going and have required considerable coordination between the county, state, and other stakeholders such as community groups and property owners.

According to the Coastal Commission's recent periodic review, San Luis Obispo County has been one of the most aggressive counties in accepting and developing coastal accessways. The 4 proposed projects are intended to help meet the Public Access and Recreation requirements found in the California Coastal Act and county's LCP Policy Document, and are part of an overall coordinated plan.

Conservation and enhancement of California's Ocean and Coastal Resources for their Intrinsic Value. The California Coastal Act and the County's LCP emphasize the need to provide coastal resource protection and public access to coastal areas. The plan update processes are essential in responding to changing environmental and community needs. The four public access, recreation, and open space projects would conserve local resources by preserving habitat. The coastal communities are home to many natural areas, forests, and wetlands where development and recreation are presently occurring. These projects provide habitat enhancement while maintaining open areas and low cost recreation.

Benefit of Current and Future Generations. San Luis Obispo County's coastline includes some of the most sensitive resource sites in the State as well as areas that support a high tourist population. As coastal areas experience more population growth and energy development, it becomes more important that the county continue to pursue comprehensive planning. It is estimated the County's local beaches, Montana de Oro, and Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument attract over 1.5 million visitors per year. Morro Bay Estuary provides tourism and recreation, furnishing fishing, boating, kayaking, golfing and tourist attractions. Providing open space, parks, and coastal access also benefits existing and future populations by providing recreation opportunities and potentially increasing property values.

Consistency with Goals:

Goal 1 - Stewardship. The county has committed to long range planning and environmental protection through development and adoption of many programs and plans. A major goal of the Local Coastal Program is preservation of coastal resources. In the area of public access and recreation, the County Parks Division manages over 13,000 acres of parkland and natural areas, and over 100 miles of trails. To protect sensitive species and habitat, the County uses specialists to prevent and correct problems, and to help prepare management plans. To augment maintenance and upkeep of the County's facilities, additional monitoring is provided by adjacent neighbors through Adopt-A-Park agreements or neighborhood watch programs.

Goal 2 - Economic Sustainability. Long range planning promotes wise use of resources, healthy communities, environmental protection, and economic stability. Sound planning also promotes compact communities, preserves agriculture, and provides stable land prices. Public recreation and use in some areas are adversely affecting adjacent neighbors and existing sensitive resources. Upgrading these facilities will not only improve coastal access and local habitats, but will also increase local property values, the community's aesthetics, and better serve the area's tourist population.

Goal 3 - Research, Education and Technology. The proposed planning projects will help preserve opportunities for locating land suitable for development while avoiding sensitive areas such as wetlands and pine forests. The purpose of the public access and recreation projects is to provide for current needs while protecting resources.

Goal 4 - Jurisdiction and Ownership. The County of San Luis Obispo is responsible for long-range planning, resource protection, permitting, and enforcement. The county is also

responsible for development and maintenance of parks and coastal access facilities. The county has made a long-term commitment to planning and park development.

Project Completion Schedule and Cost Estimate Quarterly Expenditure Plan:

LCP Grant Project			Grant Amount	Mar-June 2002	July-Sept 2002	Oct-Dec 2002	Jan-Mar 2003	Mar-June 2003	July-Sept 2003
1		Periodic Review	\$47,000	\$7,833	\$7,833	\$7,833	\$7,833	\$7,833	\$7,833
2		LCP Updates	\$47,000	\$7,833	\$7,833	\$7,833	\$7,833	\$7,833	\$7,833
3		LCP Projects		Start-up	Develop	Develop	Public Rev	Final Plan	Adopt
	A	Cambria Open Space	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750		
	B	Coastal Trail	\$15,510	\$2,585	\$2,585	\$2,585	\$2,585	\$2,585	\$2,585
	C	Access Plan II	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
	D	Oceano Parks	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
		Total	\$154,510						

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PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM**

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Project location: Countywide
Total cost: \$50,000
Funding request: \$50,000

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Project Summary:

Santa Barbara County's 110 miles of coastline is well known for its beauty and, as a result of its topography, climate and land use patterns, exhibits a wealth and diversity of habitats including coastal wetlands, streams, nearshore reefs, native pristine plant communities, sandy beaches, bluffs, rocky headlands and sand dunes. Varied land uses along portions of the coast are also markedly prevalent including dense urban development, institutional services, industrial facilities, rural agricultural and parks and open space. As such, regional land use planning along the Santa Barbara County coastal zone is controversial involving balancing natural resource protection and urban growth issues as the coastal area of the County is an especially desirable place to live. Further complexities to the regional planning process involve public infrastructure and private property vulnerabilities to natural processes such as cliff erosion, flooding and heavy wave action that can lead to loss of valuable coastal property. In addition, protection of sensitive species habitat coupled with public access to the beach is an ongoing issue in the County, as beach areas provide critical habitat for sensitive species and receive extensive use by local residents and visitors.

This diversity of issues facing the County creates significant challenges regarding regional growth and policy development affecting coastal resources and communities. To address these challenges, Planning and Development is seeking \$50,000 in CIAP funds for enhanced regional planning efforts along the coast. Specifically, the funds would be used to coordinate with other agencies on policy development affecting coastal resources and communities and to conduct interagency review of high-profile projects. Among the projects to be addressed is the long-range development plan revisions for the University of California Santa Barbara.

In particular, the funds will be used for review of coastal resource issues surrounding the implementation and buildout of the University's 1990 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and preliminary development efforts for a new LRDP. The University's campus straddles three major coastal estuaries and over two miles of public beach. County-University coordination on coastal resources protection, beach access, and area circulation is essential for development of the area in an ecologically sound and economically sustainable manner.

The funds would also be used for consultation with the Coastal Commission, the Coastal Conservancy, and non-governmental organizations on regional growth strategies and for solutions to protecting coastal resources that recognize existing property rights and the realities of limited funds for public acquisitions.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

The Regional Planning project will ensure coordinated and comprehensive regional planning of coastal resources. By promoting interagency review and coordination on specific projects, as well as County-wide coastal policy development and resource protection measures, coastal resources will be managed comprehensively as consistent with the stated mission.

Further, the project is consistent with CIAP Goal 1, Stewardship and Goal 2, Economic Sustainability, as it will promote management of coastal resources and development activities

with the objective of achieving environmentally sound and sustainable projects for the benefit of current and future generations.

Estimated Project Budget:

Line Item	Estimated Expenses
Staff salaries	\$49,500
Travel	500
Total	\$50,000

Anticipated Project Schedule:

Project is scheduled for implementation during calendar years 2002 – 2004.

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Project location: Southern Santa Barbara County
Total cost: \$20,000
Funding request: \$20,000

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Project Summary:

The unincorporated community of Summerland is a recreation destination for thousands of visitors each year. This rural community, located completely within the coastal zone, retains many of the characteristics of California coastal communities at the turn of the century along with fine sandy beaches and acres of sensitive habitats. The continued economic viability of the Summerland community is a major economic asset to the Santa Barbara County South Coast. However, with the popularity of the Summerland area, increased impacts on coastal resources have resulted. Unlike most coastal communities, Summerland has neither adequate parking nor adequate access to coastal recreational opportunities. To address these concerns, the Planning & Development Department and the Public Works Department have worked extensively with Summerland community members to produce a concept plan for multi-modal and aesthetic downtown improvements particularly including improved access to the California Coastal Trail, Summerland Beach and the adjacent foothills.

To provide the seed money toward implementing this concept plan and further protection of sensitive coastal resources, Planning and Development is seeking \$20,000 in CIAP funds to begin designing the coastal access and recreation elements of the plan, coordinate with community leaders and Caltrans, and prepare funding applications to leverage larger capital funding sources.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

The project is consistent with the stated CIAP Mission and Goals by managing and improving public access to coastal resources. The project will coordinate the expansion of public access to coastal recreation. Specifically, the project is consistent with Goal 1, by facilitating the County's ability to manage access to significant coastal resources of the Summerland area. The project is consistent with Goal 2, by continuing to allow for existing and new economic activities while preserving visual and coastal resources.

Estimated Project Budget:

The overall estimated cost for planning and capital improvements is approximately \$2.5 million. The \$20,000 in CIAP funding would cover staff salaries.

Anticipated Project Schedule:

Commence upon availability of CIAP funds with efforts carrying out three years to completion.

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Project location: Southern Santa Barbara County
Total cost: \$20,000
Funding request: \$20,000

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Project Summary:

Santa Barbara County's Comprehensive Planning Division is charged with developing, implementing, and updating the county's General Plan and Local Coastal Program (LCP). The Toro Canyon Plan (Plan) has been prepared as a comprehensive update to both the LCP and the inland area's General Plan for the 5950± acre unincorporated area bounded on the south by the Pacific Ocean, on the west by the areas covered by the Summerland and Montecito Community Plans, on the north by the federally-owned lands of the Los Padres National Forest, and on the east by the City of Carpinteria. The Plan has finished public hearing review by the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission and will be considered by the Board of Supervisors for final adoption at public hearings beginning in June 2001. Certification review by the California Coastal Commission, as an amendment to the county's certified LCP, will follow the Board's final action later in 2001 and possibly extending into 2002.

The Plan encompasses part or all of the watersheds of several coastal streams that drain from the southern slopes of the Santa Ynez Mountains, including Picay, Toro, Garrapata, Arroyo Paredon, and Santa Monica Creeks. The Plan includes new zoning designations, policies, and development standards that are designed to protect and enhance significant coastal resources in the area, including but not limited to biological habitat, agricultural uses, recreational opportunities, visual resources, and watershed values including water quality.

The Comprehensive Planning Division is seeking \$20,000 in CIAP funds to assist in the final adoption and early implementation of the Plan. Specifically, the funds would be used to augment county General Fund costs in the coastal portions of Plan adoption, including preparing and disseminating Plan documents and related information to the public and affected public agencies. The funds would be used to cover county costs associated with the Coastal Commission's certification review, final publication, and preparation of implementation and training materials and activities for both county staff and the public.

The Plan guides and regulates new development in a manner intended to preserve and enhance coastal resources, including development in watershed areas outside the State Coastal Zone that drain into terrestrial Coastal Zone and marine ecosystems. This encompasses many of the authorized uses identified in H.R. 5548.

Consistency with Mission and Goals:

The adoption and implementation of the Toro Canyon Plan promotes the stated mission by providing better guidance and regulation of development that affects coastal resources and ecosystems. This promotes Goals 1 (Stewardship), 2 (Economic Sustainability), and 3 (Research, Education and Technology).

Estimated Project Budget:

Line Item	Estimated Expense
Staff salaries (wages & benefits)	\$15,000
Noticing expenses (postage & advertising)	2,000
Reprographics	2,000
Travel to Coastal Commission hearing(s)	1,000
TOTAL	\$20,000

Anticipated Project Schedule:

The Coastal Commission hearing(s) is expected to take place in Fall/Winter 2001/2002. Staff training on Plan implementation will take place between November 2001 and June 2002. Final document preparation and dissemination will take place from March to June 2002.

Activity	Schedule
Final Draft Document Publication	September - November 2001
Coastal Commission Hearing(s)	November - March 2001/2002
Staff Training on Plan Implementation	November - June 2001/2002
Final Document preparation and dissemination	March - June 2002